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## FLEXING ELOQUENT

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## In just two years, instances of dogs biting humans in Bengaluru came down 60% from 42,818 in 2018-19 to 17,610 in 2021-22

# WE DON'T BITE!

### Dedicated rabies helpline set up in 2020

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Cases of dogs biting people in Bengaluru have come down by over 50% in the last five years. When compared to the number of cases reported two years ago, cases reduced by nearly 60%.

The data furnished by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) showed while instances of dog bite spiked between 2017 and 2020, cases came down thereafter.

The total number of cases reported in 2017-18 was 36,672. In 2018-19, it was 38,978 and in 2019-20 the number surged to 42,818. Whereas in 2020-21, dog bites came down to 18,629, and further slipped to 17,610 in 2021-22.

According to BBMP's animal husbandry department, the drop in cases is due to various initiatives taken up by the department in the last few years, including a centralised portal to report rabies.

The dedicated helpline for rabies was started by BBMP in 2020 under its holistic Rabies Prevention and Control Programme. The idea behind the centralised portal for reporting suspected rabies cases was to increase rabies surveillance across all the eight zones under its ambit.

"The rabies helpline has helped us in managing the issue to a large extent. Our helpline squad is conducting intensive monitoring at the ward level, diligently attending to complaints and ensuring issues are sorted. We are zeroing in on dog bite cases and isolating suspected rabid dogs," said Dr Manjunath Shinde, assistant director at RR Nagar Zone's animal husbandry department of the BBMP.

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The Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme, according to

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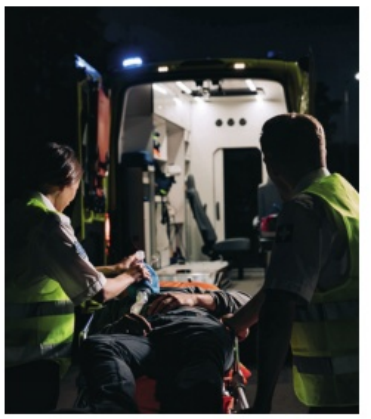
## What's your emergency?



### Pothole-ridden Bengaluru roads are now waylaying ambulances ferrying critical patients

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Potholes of Bengaluru roads are not a cause of concern for motor vehicles alone. Ambulances trying to reach patients who require emergency medical care and ferry them to hospitals in various locations are inconvenienced across pothole-ridden city roads. Bad stretches are slowing down ambulances and increasing vehicle upkeep expenses.

"For a 5-km emergency trip, usually it takes around 3-5 minutes, but with potholes, it takes an additional 1-2 minutes. In most areas of Bengaluru, we have to overcome these issues. For the past two years, there has been a visible increase in traffic jams and potholes," said a city based ambulance driver for 13 years.

Ambulance drivers BM spoke to claimed potholes are an annual problem.

Driver Kiran said "we don't know when we shall receive an emergency call or how long we will have to travel. Some roads are

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## 3 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Hybrid learning 101

Educationists and students, if you want to keep up with the times, here's news. AICTE has advised all its colleges to adopt hybrid learning. Tech Avant-Garde (TAG) has been chosen to assist these colleges to transform into Hybrid Learning spaces. Tech Avant-Garde (TAG), the Global Partner of Microsoft, in association with Microsoft Education is conducting this training program on hybrid learning. Training will be conducted in three batches. The sessions will be conducted online over a period of two days over three weeks.
**Dates: Multiple batches**
**Register: https://tagevent.in/aicte**

### 02 Walk the walk

Fitness buffs, listen up. The #WalkForEquality challenge is to cover 100 km, 50 km, or 25 km over 10 days. Participants can walk anywhere, anytime, and on any surface (trail, road, treadmill, backyard, park, balcony). It's a virtual challenge. The event is to spread awareness about inequality.
**Where: Virtual; When: August 5 to 14**
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### 03 Play on!

Phoenix Marketcity Bengaluru is all set to host a brilliant performance by Chronic Blues Circus. Chronic Blues circus is Bangalore's oldest band, which has been performing without a break since 1991. The band has paid tributes at various venues to Bob Dylan, JJ Cale, Bon Marley and Grateful Dead and has a repertoire of more than 500 tracks. **Where: Courtyard- Phoenix Market city; When: July 31, 6:00 PM onwards; Entry: Free**

# What's trendy and a student's favourite?

## The answer is commerce and computing as BCom, BBA, BCA are most opted-for courses at undergraduate level and science least popular

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This admission season, commerce and computing are the hottest choices for students about to start their undergraduate life, according to authorities. BCom and BCA courses are everyone's favourite options, and BSc seems to be the least popular one.

Professor Niranjan Vanalli, the Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore North University told Bangalore Mirror, "There is a large number of applications for BCom and BBA courses in our university. The demand is so high that some of our affiliated colleges have even requested us to increase the number of seats in these courses. A lot of people are opting for commerce options."

This is a trend that has been witnessed in the last few years as well, say authorities. The demand for science courses has decreased significantly over the years. "There are no takers for the science courses yet. We think they are currently waiting for KCET results, maybe after that, there will be a boost in undergraduate admissions for science courses," said Vanalli.

Admissions for undergraduate courses began on July 11 and will conclude in August.

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> **"Some of our affiliate colleges have requested to increase number of seats for these courses**
> – Niranjan Vanalli, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore North University

Lingaraj Gandhi, Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore City University, said that this was the first time they were offering undergraduate courses at the university campus and BCom courses had the highest number of takers. "I want more undergraduate students on campus because now, with multidisciplinary courses available, there is a lot that the university can offer them. Currently, in these courses, we have a high number of BCA and BCom takers. Science students are few and they might also shift to other colleges once the KCET results come out," he said.

Bangalore University has also been witnessing the same trend in undergraduate admissions for this academic year. Computer-related courses are the most popular among students this year apart from commerce courses like BBA and BCom of course, which are in high demand always. Science has comparatively lower admissions, said Jayakara SM, the Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University.

However, the admissions haven't ended yet and the Vice-Chancellor is expecting to see a change in this trend now that CBSE and ISC results are out and KCET is expected to announce their results by the end of the month as well.

"Right now, we only have information about the admissions for university on-campus courses. Information regarding other courses including many basic-science courses in our affiliated colleges will be out once the admissions conclude in the universities and we get a concrete number of admissions.

Engineering students usually wait for KCET results before getting admission in BSc," Lingaraj Gandhi further added.

# A small step ahead for home buyers

## CREDAI hails state govt's move of cracking down on middlemen, brokers in sub-registrar's office

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The Bengaluru chapter of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) has said that the state government's move of cracking down on middlemen, brokers in the sub-registrar's office was a positive one for home buyers.

Recently, the state government came down heavily on middlemen, brokers, touts and erring employees in sub-registrar's offices in the state. Bengaluru alone has 43 such offices. The government has also directed all employees to display their identity cards and banned them from walking out of offices during workhours without prior notice.

The apex body of real estate developers in the country added that this was particularly positive at a time when the economy is in a precarious situation.

CREDAI-Bengaluru president Bhaskar Nagendrappa said that the government's action, along with record revenue collection by the stamps and registration department during the first quarter of the current financial year, was a green signal to the real-estate community and homebuyers too.

According to the numbers by the Karnataka government, the revenue for April, May and June this year is Rs 1,000 more than what it was for the same period last year. CREDAI members stated that the Rs 14,000-crore target set for the department for this financial year would be beneficial.

With a record increase in registration of properties, Bhaskar said that this was something to be happy about, though the sector was not a direct beneficiary. "Having said that, let's remember that any kind of cash infusion or cash inflow will spur the industry to greater heights. We are happy and excited about this development, and would like to thank both Karnataka government in this regard," he said.

However, he pointed out on some of the flaws which the government needs to take steps to improve. "Since registration of properties is a long-drawn process, the government should improve basic amenities, including the condition of restrooms. Also, he added that these offices should be made differently abled-friendly by providing ramp-like facilities for the elderly and the handicapped in entrance and exit corridors of the buildings."

This move would be a progressive step for the real estate industry

Recently CREDAI had written to Labour Commissioner Akram Pasha regarding the issuance of notices against builders regarding upfront payment of labour cess. It also brought up some issues, including the method of computation and usage of labour cess. The government are yet to give a positive response on that.

# Don't match the following

## Family realises broker had landed them in marriage not made in heaven

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A Kolkata-based marriage broker and his seven accomplices including a married woman are in the dock for alleged cheating and extortion from a businessman's family. The allegation against them is that they introduced an already married woman to this family, who whisked family copperware and money from them after things went awry.

The new groom came to realise things were not as they seemed when his newly-wed wife demanded gutka on the first night, claiming that she was addicted to it.

Though the incident happened in 2011, when Babulal Jain was looking for a bride for his brother Kailash Jain, they did not get any relief from the jurisdictional Peenya police station over the years and had to approach the 31st Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court with a private complaint. Based on the court's direction, the Peenya police has been asked to register an FIR and investigate the matter.

**Broker based in Kolkata said to have introduced family to a woman who was already married and had a taste for gutka**

Babulal, a resident of Peenya, was introduced to one Raman Gupta who claimed to be a leading marriage broker in Kolkata. He assured Babulal he would find a suitable girl for his younger brother. On March 2, Raman called and told Babulal about a girl from a Jain family aged about 30 years, who would be a suitable match. Raman told them the girl's family was demanding Rs 15 lakh for even seeing her as she was not interested in getting married at that time. Intrigued, Babulal and Kailash booked train tickets and set out to Kolkata on March 5, where they stayed at a hotel. Raman Gupta met the Jain brothers and introduced his brother Rakesh and the duo sang praises about their own marriage bureau.

The next day, they visited the girl's house at 11 am where they met one Ravi Pradhan and Srikanth who introduced themselves as the girl's custodians. Kailash and Babulal asked a few questions to the girl and were impressed and without even informing Babulal's wife back home, they fixed the wedding date as April 12.

When Raman sought Rs 15 lakh, Babulal told him he did not carry the money as he was travelling, but would pay in Bengaluru. On March 10, they returned to Bengaluru after assuring the girl's family that wedding preparations would be done by April 10.

On April 4, Raman, Rakesh, Ravi and one Manoj came to Bengaluru without informing Babulal, but the latter made arrangements for their stay. Babulal had by then bought jewellery and clothes for both the bride and groom and also for their close relatives. He also booked tickets for all the bride's relatives to come from Kolkata to Bengaluru. And then he paid Raman Rs 15 lakh and then the wedding was solemnised in a simple way in Bengaluru.

On the first night of the marriage, Kailash was shocked when his wife demanded some gutka, claiming that she was addicted to it. This made him quiz her, and slowly the story unravelled that the woman he had married was already married and had an eight-month old baby. Kailash told this to his brother, but by then, everyone was leaving for Kolkata.

Subsequently, the woman started quarrelling with Kailash and Babulal's family and went back to Kolkata after taking along ancestral copperware and jewellery they claim is worth crores of rupees. Since then, Babulal and Kailash were behind Raman Gupta and his accomplices to at least get back crores worth copperware and the jewellry back from the woman, but in vain. The Jain brothers tried approaching the police, but since it was a wedding gone wrong, the police looked at it as a civil and a domestic dispute. Babulal then approached a city court and filed a private complaint.

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# No flexing! (Unless strictly political)

## Despite ban on plastic banners, political parties can't have enough of them

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**Banners and flexes between Yelahanka junction and Doddaballapur being taken down by workers after a celebration for Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's one year in power was cancelled, on Thursday**

On Thursday, workers were busy dismantling the thousands of banners that had cropped up on every inch between Yelahanka Junction to Doddaballapur.

The banners had been put up to celebrate one year of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in office. The celebration that was to be held on Thursday was called off late at night, but all the buntings, flex, and promotional materials were already in place.

The ban on flex banners in the BBMP limits and across the state under various rules and regulations is not an issue -- when politicians are in a celebratory mood.

On Wednesday, hundreds of banners and party flags were fluttering on both sides of the road on the 20-km stretch.

Plastic flexes loaded in minivans and carriers were also spotted all along the road and party workers were seen joyously putting up the banners. While the flags around the circular flexes are made up of cloth, the central part of the banner is plastic.

"We are putting up the poster to celebrate one year of our Chief Minister in office. We have been asked to put up flexes every 10-50 m on both sides of the road," said a worker who was seen installing a poster.

Notably, a recent circular by the Government of Karnataka has also imposed a ban on the use, manufacture, supply, storage, transport, sale, and distribution of plastic banners. The notice cites the recent amendment in the Plastic Waste Management Rule, 2016 brought about by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The amendment mandates a ban on single-use plastic items with effect from July 1, 2022. Flexes and banners made up of plastic of less than 100 microns are included under the rule.

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Vexing flex situation that never goes away

**BM had reported on July 20 about flexes cropping up for a politician's birthday**

> **"Anything made of plastic is banned. The recent High Court order bans any kind of plastic flexes or hoardings**
>
> – Plastic industry expert

While the flexes were being put up in the area for the last four days, BBMP remained oblivious to this violation. When BM reached out to the BBMP official concerned, he said, "No permission has been taken from BBMP to put up the banner in the Yelahanka zone. We have noticed the flexes just now and the prahari team is on its way to tear them down. We will ensure that all the flexes are brought down by evening."

However, not even a single flex was brought down by evening on Wednesday, and it took only the cancellation of the event for the flexes to come down.

"Anything made of plastic is banned. The recent High Court order bans any kind of plastic flexes or hoarding. It does not matter if the flexes are being put up in the BBMP jurisdiction or outside of it. While as per the notification by the MOEF&CC on the recent amendment of Plastic Waste Management Rule, 2016, flex banners of plastic less than 100 microns are banned, the state rule bans all kinds of plastic flexes," said a plastic industry expert.

"It is unfortunate that political parties are constantly violating laws of the land, and if they are in power, they seem to think they are above the law. Politicians are an extremely insecure lot these days - always trying to promote themselves, sometimes at the expense of the public exchequer and in violation of laws. Flex ban is a result of a long struggle and all parties stood together in BBMP Council to ban the banners. It is unfortunate that they seem to be making a comeback in the absence of the BBMP council," said Srinivas Alavilli, Head, Civic Participation, Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, Bengaluru.

# Crisis at midnight

A 10-acre land that was to be bustling with supporters of the saffron party turned into an empty playground on Thursday as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had to cancel an event to mark his one year in power at the nth hour. Doddaballapur was to house top BJP leaders including national chief JP Nadda, who were forced to cancel their trip after the murder of a party worker. By evening, top BJP leaders including the CM, Home Minister and CT Ravi headed to Dakshina Kannada to extend support to slain party worker Praveen Nettaru's family.

Sources said the Doddaballapur Janotsava was supposed to be the saffron party's bugle call in the election year. Bommai had planned to announce big-ticket sops to woo voters. However, the murder of the BJP leader forced the saffron party to change its strategy. On Wednesday, many local office-bearers went on a resignation spree, criticising the BJP government for failing to protect the party workers. Though the Bommai government had decided to carry on with the programme initially, this turn of events forced the party to have a re-think.

Bommai said that he spoke to the BJP top leaders on Wednesday morning to apprise them of the situation. However, by afternoon the CM had a change on mind. By late night, the party high command also advised the CM to cancel the programme. So, the CM hurriedly announced at midnight to the meeting was off.

"I cancelled the celebrations driven by my conscience in the backdrop of the murder of young BJP leader Praveen. The decision to cancel the function at Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha and the 'Janotsava' convention at Doddaballapur was conscientious in the background of grief and anguish being expressed by party activists and people," Bommai said on Thursday.

**Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Praveen Nettaru's residence**

### CM meets Praveen's family

There was pressure on the CM to visit Praveen's family but the police had suggested it be avoided after people turned against the saffron party leaders on Wednesday. But, on Thursday evening, the CM visited Praveen's house and announced an ex gratia of Rs 25 lakh to his family. His family members urged the CM to take action so that the culprits are brought to book at the earliest.

### Sops announced

Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Bommai dedicated several new schemes aimed at development and welfare programmes for SC, ST, and the youth and in various sectors like Health and Education. **-BMB**

# Ivory racket puts focus on forest officials

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Wildlife activists are up in arms after the Chennammanakere Achukattu police recently seized two huge elephant tusks in Bengaluru and arrested three for trying to sell the tusks for ivory. But while the three confessed to their crimes, the matter doesn't end there as several forest officials are alleged to be involved in the matter.

Based on the information from the accused, the city police went to Veerapura in Salagame Hobli in Hassan taluk and dug up the carcass of the elephant and took the skull samples for laboratory certification and then handed over the carcass for disposal to the Hassan Forest Department staff as per the court's directions.

Earlier this year, this 23-year-old tusker is believed to have been deliberately killed by electrocution by a farmer in Hassan who used a JCB to dig a trench and bury the dead elephant in his field.

Member of Parliament and animal rights activist Maneka Gandhi who was apprised of these developments by the animal welfare officials, recently wrote to the Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai mentioning the corruption in the Forest Department which needs to be investigated immediately.

In her letter to the CM, Gandhi wrote that the local Hassan forest officials mischievously filed a new case applying the same Wildlife Act, arrested two and encouraged the rest to abscond so that the CK Achchukattu police could not arrest them.

According to the letter, the accused approached the court claiming 'duplication of work by two different agencies,' and the accused were able to obtain bail with the active connivance of the Hassan forest officials. The accused are now seeking quashing of the police case, Gandhi went on to state.

Conservationists are, understandably, infuriated. "With each tusker getting killed, the female elephants mate with non-tuskers and their offsprings also turn out to be non-tuskers (male elephant without tusks), and this is a serious concern of genetic modification in elephants," wildlife expert Sharath Babu told Bangalore Mirror.

# Land, without a tender? PWD does it again

## Without inviting bidders, land allotted to influential hotelier, it is claimed

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The land was given to him for constructing a tiffin centre

The public works department is once again in the news and not for the right ones. The department is said to have allocated land on Nrupathunga Road to a private hotelier with alleged connections to a leader from Karnataka.

Around 210 sq ft of land was allocated to Abhisekh NG of Simple Thindi (a unit of Hallimane) for constructing a tiffin centre. It is alleged that Abhisekh is a relative of a Union Minister from Karnataka.

The letter written by the Additional Chief Secretary of Public Works Department on April 29, 2022, stated that the space was allocated on a lease for 10 years at a rental of Rs 36,750 per month. It also stated that the lease agreement entered with Abhisekh is temporary and it can be revoked at any time with a three-month notice and the lessee has to return the space to the Public Works Department by demolishing the structure on his own.

A social activist, Saidatta, complained to the Additional Chief Secretary of Public Works Department and Chief Engineer of Public Works Department and Town Planning Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike about the construction of a tiffin centre without a plan approved by the authorities concerned.

"I came to know that the Additional Chief Secretary of the Public Works Department has allocated the land to Abhisekh by succumbing to pressure from politicians including a Union Minister. The allotment of land on the PWD Complex is against norms. The authorities concerned must cancel the permission and punish those responsible," said Saidatta.

Condemning the allotment of land without following the norms, a hotelier on the condition of anonymity, said that politicians including the Union Minister should not have stooped to such a low level in favour of their relatives and friends.

"There is a method to allot the land for opening a hotel or a tiffin centre. The land was allotted without floating tender inviting bidders. The land is allocated based on a letter dated on March 8, 2022. It seems the PWD authorities are ready to allocate land if anyone submits a letter," said the hotelier.

PWD Chief Engineer Govindaraju said the allocation of land without floating a tender was against norms. "The construction of the tiffin centre began during my predecessors' tenure. It does not mean that I should not do anything about it. I will write to my higher authorities about the illegal construction and allotment."

PWD Additional Chief Secretary Anil Kumar BH said that he would direct the officials to stop the ongoing construction.

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# Beggars to be kept out of accidents' way

## Traffic police take NGOs' help to move them out of busy roads to shelters

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In order to reduce accidents involving beggars and senior citizens, city traffic police, will remove beggars from roads. Analysis of accidents has revealed Peenya and Majestic areas are significantly risky for beggars.

Beggars are often seen near traffic signals going from vehicle-to-vehicle and risking their lives. They also get involved in accidents often. To prevent such mishaps from happening, traffic police will now start relocating beggars from the streets to homes run by NGOs. The initiative will be carried out city-wide, with the traffic police inviting local NGOs to participate.

DCP(West) Kuldeep Kumar told BM, "We have observed that beggars, senior citizens, and the disabled are becoming victims of accidents. We have identified such places where accidents take place and have decided to coordinate with NGOs to shift them to safer homes. We have seen their presence even at odd hours or late at night. We want to remove them from heavy-traffic and accident-prone areas to safeguard their life."

He added that in an analysis of accidents, traffic cops were able to identify that several cases involved beggars who were also elderly or disabled. Beggars who were standing on the road or sleeping on the footpath were becoming victims of accidents. With Peenya and Majestic being identified as prime risk areas, the drive will be focused here in the beginning.

Police found that beggars who are elderly or disabled are more vulnerable to road accidents

Traffic police have been carrying out the task for the past six months and have relocated roughly 180-200 people.

### Be aware

Vinod Kartavya from Bengaluru Hudugaru, who runs the Beggars Free Bharath Movement in the city, said, "Post covid, there was a huge surge of beggars in the city. People began to be extra sympathetic and were pouring out money. They need to understand that this is like a parallel economy where a few benefit from abusing these individuals, and they are encouraging it. While there are genuine cases, there are also pretenders. Begging has moved away from the tropes of mother-child, small children selling roses/pens, and old, injured people to using blind people. They come with a receipt stating they are from a non-descript ashram asking for help to support blind people."

### Funds crunch

While the work by police is appreciated, NGOs taking care of the needy, struggle with funds crunch. BM spoke to one of the NGOs that are helping city traffic police carry out the task.

With several of them terminally ill, the 800-member Home of Hope (New Ark Mission of India in Doddagubbi) run by Auto Raja needs at least Rs 15 lakh a month. "Traffic officials from 5-6 stations ask us to rescue the people. We pick them up using our ambulances and take care of them until death. If family members come, we send them back home, but mostly, we take severely-ill, homeless people. At our home, we have 60 children, 400 women and 330 men. For the past 25 years, we have been operating without any government support and have been completely dependent on the public. Having to take care of so many people, we need at least Rs 15 lakh to run it, but the real estimates exceed that," said Raja.

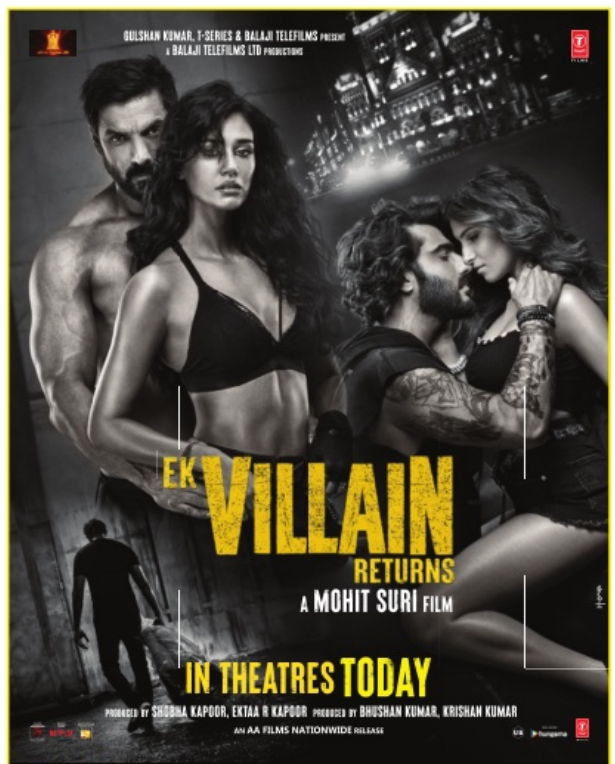
He added that the government should lend a helping hand in continuing his mission, as feeding and taking care of 800 people is not doable without support.

# Tobacco ban plea from students

Around 1,000 Bengaluru students have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealing for the COTPA (Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act) Amendment Bill 2020 to be passed. The Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka, Anti-Tobacco Forum, National Law School of India University, and others have also urged Modi to pass the bill drafted by the Union Health Ministry. Students from around 10 city schools wrote letters about the harmful effects of tobacco. They wrote that the COTPA needs to be amended to contain tobacco use.

According to the Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka, the students demanded the legal age for tobacco use to be raised and wanted smoking areas at airports and bars to be shut. They also wanted complete bans on advertisement of tobacco products. "We find that COTPA is being violated. As per the Global Youth Tobacco Survey, children are getting addicted to tobacco even before attaining 10 years of age," said SJ Chander, Convenor, Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka. "Majority of the long-term tobacco users commence tobacco use while they are adolescents. Every individual has the right to health and the right to smoke-free public places," said Vishal Rao, oncologist and a member of Karnataka Government's panel on Tobacco Control.

**-Melvin Mathew**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# 3 more airports in Karnataka

## Work on airports at various stages in Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga

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Karnataka will soon get three more greenfield airports. The Centre has given 'in principle' approval for airports at Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga. Work on these airports is ongoing at different stages.

With the Kempegowda International Airport and Kalaburagi Airport being greenfield airports, Karnataka will be one of the very few states in the country to have five-plus greenfield airports. Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Thursday, "The Centre had earlier given approval to 21 greenfield airports in the country out of which Kalaburagi in Karnataka is already operational. The three airports- Vijapura, Hassan and Shivamogga will be operational soon."

Sources said the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme is turning out to be beneficial in promoting airports in Karnataka. The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN on October 21, 2016, to stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable for the masses. "The UDAN scheme envisages providing connectivity to unserved and underserved airports of the country through revival of the existing airstrips and airports. Under the UDAN Scheme, the Government has targeted an indicative airfare at Rs. 2,500 for a distance of 500 km to 600 km per RCS seat under Regional Connectivity routes (equivalent to one-hour flight). However, this airfare is subject to indexation as per the formula specified in the UDAN Scheme document," Scindia added.

> **The UDAN scheme envisages providing connectivity to unserved airports of the country through revival of the existing airstrips and airports** –Jyotiraditya Scindia

Though Bidar airport was also started under the UDAN scheme, the airport was shut due to lack of demand. Scindia said, "The Regional Connectivity Scheme is a market-driven scheme. Under the scheme, airlines assess demand and nature of supply required on a particular route and based on their analysis participate in the bidding process to be conducted from time to time. Promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS by supporting SAOs through concession by Central Government, State Governments/UTs and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and financial (Viability Gap Funding) support to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such RCS routes. The Central Government and State Governments share Viability Gap Funding (VGF) in the ratio of 80:20."

The Centre had given approval to 21 greenfield airports in country of which Kalaburagi is operational

### Drink and fly

Scindia said a total of 14 cases have been reported during the last six months (Jan to Jun 2022) where the pilots have tested positive in preflight breath-analyzer (BA) examination. The licences of the pilots involved have been suspended as per the provision of the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR). Pilots are required to undergo BA examination for detection of consumption of alcohol as per the guidelines. The crew members are not permitted to consume alcohol on domestic as well as on international flights.

### Flying training schools

The Centre had chosen Belagavi, Kalaburagi and Hubballi for setting up flying schools to train pilots. So far, two at Kalaburagi have commenced operations. In June 2022, after a competitive bidding process, FTO slots were awarded by AAI at Hubballi airport.

### No liquor in domestic flights

Meanwhile, there has been a growing demand to allow serving of liquor in domestic flights. Kolar MP S Muniswamy and Chikkodi MP Annasaheb Jolle wanted to know from the Centre if there was any proposal to allow consumption of alcohol in domestic late evening flights. Reacting to this, Scindia told the Lok Sabha that there was no such proposal to allow liquor in domestic flights.

# Potholes delaying critical medical care

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getting fixed and some aren't. We have to adjust and drive along. When ambulances rushing at high-speeds run into potholes, it could be a rough ride for the patients. If we have injured or high-risk patients, we have to slowly go over the potholes. Sometimes the ride gets delayed by 5-10 minutes which could be critical for the patient's survival."

According to ambulance drivers, Metro work across the city is also affecting services. "There is also an increase in traffic congestion in areas like Mysore Road, areas with Metro works such as Jayanagar, JP Nagar, Indiranagar, HAL Road, etc. While most people try to give way for ambulances, in some cases it's not possible," added Kiran.

Emergency vehicles to rescue injured animals are getting affected too.

"In Kengeri, you can see huge potholes on bad roads. Almost all roads are being dug up. Our service time has increased by at least 15-20%. The other day, our ambulance got stuck in a pothole and the axle broke. Being an NGO, we incurred heavy expenses. We had to make alternate arrangements. If you have a fractured or injured animal, you need to slow down to prevent a jolt," said Dr Nawaz Shariff of People for Animals.

Sharif added an animal-rescue vehicle is not permitted to go at high speeds and potholes are just another burden. "Unless the animal is electrocuted, we don't rush, We go at a normal pace of 40 km ph. First-aid is already given at the spot. We need to ensure that animals don't get distressed further. Going at high speeds and additional movement could contribute to stress," he added.

According to Shariff, maintenance costs have increased by 25-30%. The NGO had to incur Rs 25,000 in expenses towards repair and towing in case of a vehicle breakdown.

"Overall, the traffic has increased; we can only ensure smooth passage of traffic. Whenever we hear the ambulance sirens, we open up the signals. Due to the heavy load of vehicles, it's not easy to release the ambulance from the traffic. The first person who notices should give the signal and it will take around 1.5 minutes for traffic officials to clear the way. Information is passed on to open up the consecutive junctions as well. Citizens should be more participative and more disciplined for effective and faster passage. Before moving from hospitals, people who are aware of 112 helpline, alert the traffic cops; or if they are moving, traffic officials hear the sirens and take necessary action," west division DCP Kuldeep Kumar R Jain told BM.

# Be paw-sitive!

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officials, has led to birth control surgeries for around two lakh strays since it began in 2019. While the ABC initiative was taken up by the Palike in 2007, the programme was implemented continually only in 2019, resulting in a drop in dog bites.

"ABC was taken up uninterruptedly only in 2019. Moreover, it is being done at a scale never seen before. We are conducting around 4,500 birth control surgeries every month. In the last three years, we have neutered around two lakh stray dogs. Now, we have reached a point where there are not enough dogs under the programme reaching our shelter. The impact of this ongoing initiative will be visible over the next five to six years," added Dr Shinde.

### Not all are strays

Experts said the data collection matrix has improved by leaps and bounds and so has awareness among people about the rabies vaccine. So, it is highly unlikely that dog bite cases are going unreported. In such a scenario, a drop of over 50% is commendable.

However, dog bite cases gathered from private and government hospitals, according to experts, are seldom categorised into stray and pet dog categories, thus not painting the real picture.

"A few years ago, when officials probed further into the dog bite cases, they realised that around 30-35% of the cases were that of pet dogs. This percentage would have gone up now looking at the increase in the number of pet dogs in the city. Moreover, bite cases registered ranged from minor scratches to deep wounds. While it is good news that people are reporting even minor scratches and getting the rabies vaccine, this aspect should be kept in mind when we analyse dog bite cases," said animal rights activist Priya Chetty Rajagopal, a resident of Vasanth Nagar.

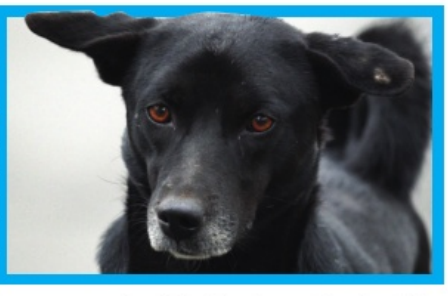
Animal welfare workers said a drop in the number of dog bite cases is also because many of the stray dogs are now well fed, neutered, and vaccinated.

"While dogs are territorial, those that are well fed are far less aggressive and end up forging positive relationships with humans. Feeding and human touch are important. However, people must understand that they cannot be just feeders. If you are feeding strays, it is your responsibility to get them neutered and vaccinated too," said a city-based animal welfare worker.

"Bringing awareness about being compassionate about animals is equally important. We should not provoke the animals; we must respect their rights. The majority of dog bite cases are the result of provocation," added Dr Shinde.

**Bite marks**

| Year | Number of dog bite cases |
|---|---|
| 2017-18 | 36,672 |
| 2018-19 | 38,978 |
| 2019-20 | 42,818 |
| 2020-21 | 18,629 |
| 2021-22 | 17,610 |



**Sam is home –** The owner of the building where Samantha Ruth Prabhu lived with her ex-husband Naga Chaitanya said in an interview that the house was sold after the couple's separation, but the actress spoke to the owners and bought it all by herself



# Just good friends

Vijay Deverakonda marked his debut on Karan Johar's much talked about couch this Thursday. The actor graced 'Koffee With Karan' season 7 with his 'Liger' co-star Ananya Panday. The chat started off with KJo grilling Vijay about his love life and all Vijay mustered was "I'd rather you don't know anything."

Getting down to taking names, KJo pointedly asked Vijay about his rumoured romance with Rashmika Mandanna. Using the choicest words to describe their relationship, Vijay said, "I've done two films with her at an early stage in my life. Rashmika is a darling and I am really fond of her. She is a really good friend. You share

so much through films, like lots of highs and lots of lows, so a bond gets created. And generally you get put in such close proximity very quickly that your bonds also develop much quicker. Normally, even to sit and look at a girl in the eye it would take me a while."

When KJo finally asked Vijay if his relationship status was 'single or complicated', the actor quipped, "Someday I will be married and will have kids. That day I will say it out loud. But till then I wouldn't like to hurt anybody who adores me. I am sure there are lots of people who love you as an actor and have your poster on their walls and phone wallpapers, I don't want to hurt them. They are giving me so much love that I don't want to say that I am with someone."

Karan Johar had to be content with Vijay Deverakonda not spilling any beans on his romantic life.

**—ETimes**

# Famous couple launches mega serial

Raghavendra Rajkumar and Mangala Raghavendra Rajkumar are out with a mega tele serial Vijaya Dashimi under the banner of Poornima Enterprises that is known for many successful Kannada movies such as Nanjundi Kalyana and Om. Vijayadashami is Poornima Enterprises' first small screen venture. It will be telecast on Siri Kannada TV channel from 8.30 pm between Monday and Friday from August 1.

The trailer of Vijaya Dashimi was screened at Kalavidara Sangha on Wednesday. The trailer had commentary by Sri Murali and comments of director-cum-actor Rishab Shetty and the female lead Priyanka Upendra.

Raghavendra Rajkumar said he would not reveal much about Vijayadashami, and leave it to the viewers to convey their opinion after watching it.

Niranjan Deshpande, Kritika Ravindra, Usha Vaibhavi, Vihan Prabhanjan, Ambujamma, Renuka Bali are the important artistes in this serial, directed by Shashidar. Vijayadashami was shot in Mangaluru, Bengaluru, Srirangapatna, and KR Nagar.

**-Y Maheswara Reddy**

# For real thrills

Mysterious murders, smuggling ops, superstitions, illusions and acts of revenge -- it is safe to say there is not one dull moment in Vikrant Rona, Anup Bhandari's third outing as a director. Bhandari's maiden movie Rangi Taranga released in 2015 earned him much aplomb. His second movie Rajaratha released in 2018 and Vikrant Rona that released on Thursday across the country was his much-talked about third film.

The plot is set inside Kamarottu village in a forest and starts with the mysterious deaths of a few people, including school children and a police inspector. The story begins with the arrival of Vishwanath Ballal (Ravi Shankar Gowda) to Kamarottu to seek the blessings of his relative Janarthan Gambhira (Madhusudan Rao) to make arrangements for his daughter Aparna's (Neetha Ashok) marriage. Ominously, Gambhira cautions Ballal against entering a "jinxed" bungalow.

Daredevil cop Vikrant Rona is transferred to the Kamarottu police station and arrives the very next day after Suresh Krishna, who was inspector at the police station, is killed mysteriously. Vikrant begins an investigation to find who is behind the mysterious killings. What happens to Rona and who killed his daughter Guddi (Samhita) is what will keep you on the edge of the seat.

Sudeep is at his best in emotional and action sequences. His dancing skills are a treat to watch and would be more so for his hard-core fans. Praise where it is due, Sudeep does not miss a beat and was on par with Jacqueline Fernandez in the dance sequences. The song – Ra Ra Rakkamma – sung by Sunidhi Chauhan is a highlight, with a catchy tune and upbeat choreography. Karthik Rao Kordale, as a talkative car driver and a highly efficient father who has not much to do than nurturing his 10+ children, has done a good job of it.

**VIKRANT RONA**

**3.5** RATING ★★★½☆

- **DIRECTOR** Sudeep, Nirup Bhandari, Bhandari, Neetha Ashok, Jacqueline Fernandez, Karthik Rao Kordale.
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 147 minutes

Hats off to the art director of this movie who created a dense forest set at Annapurna Studios, Hyderabad, where most of this movie was shot. Cinematographer William David has done a neat job behind the camera and B Ajneesh Lokanath delivers foot-tapping numbers.

A confusing script and the lack of a strong villain to compete with Sudeep in action sequences are the drawbacks of this entertainer.

But, go for it, if only to immerse yourself in a 3D world involving much thrill and Sudeep!

**—Y Maheswara Reddy**

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Vikrant Rona – 3D Hindi
Walk in to Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield Main Road on 30th July 2022 and get a chance to win Movie Tickets and F&B Vouchers of Rs.900 upon purchase of Rs.10,000 and above.
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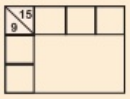
## SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

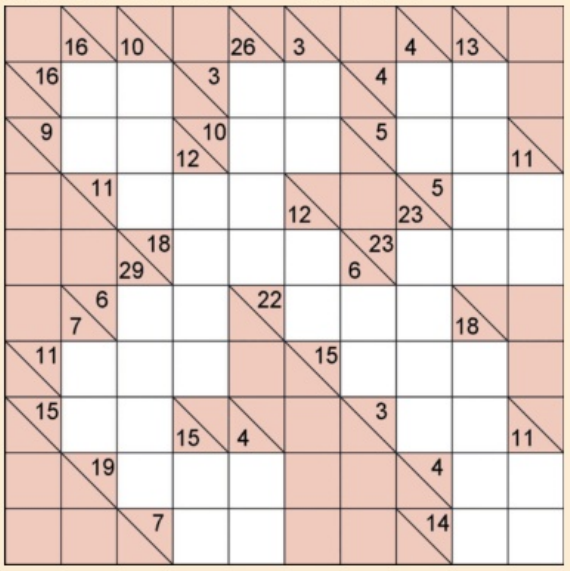
3 red, 2 white and 3 green balls are available in a bag. 2 balls are drawn one by one from the bag. Probability of one ball having white & other green will be.

## Kakuro

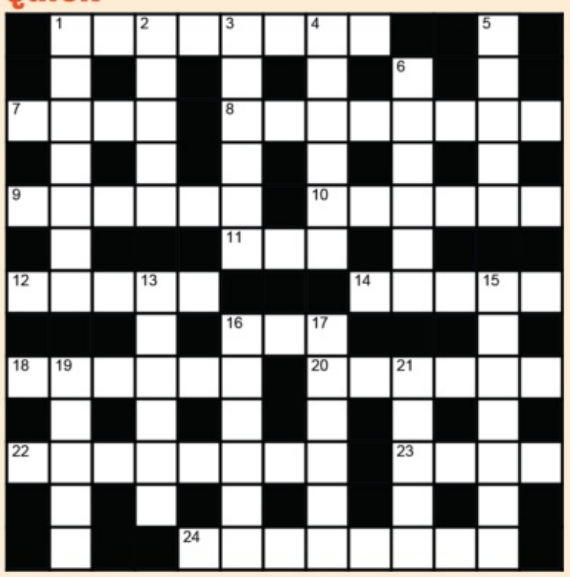
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.




Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



## Quick



**ACROSS**

1 Legacy or inheritance (8)
7 Norse god (4)
8 Indian mountain range (8)
9 Lunatic or madman (6)
10 Shadows or tails (6)
11 Aliens? (3)
12 Energetic gusto (5)
14 Close-fitting (5)
16 Vane letters (3)
18 Our city is located in this plateau (6)
20 Dissolute (6)
22 Extremely infectious (8)
23 Chain of rocks (4)
24 Saves or retains (8)

**DOWN**

1 Combine with water (7)
2 India's cricket trophy (5)
3 Hypnotic state (6)
4 Shoots from one plant fixed into another (6)
5 Freedom is my birthright..... patriot? (5)
6 Italian sausage (6)
13 There's nothing in it (6)
15 Hurries (7)
16 Cold symptom? (6)
17 Contort or distort (6)
19 Banishment (5)
21 Ballet company (5)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: J EQUALS H**

O INDW SM O QOY UJN, UJWY FNA OMR JSQ JNU JW SM, GWKKM FNA.

## Linemaro

Stars brighten the night, and your eyes brighten my future

## Mindchow

Live as long as you may, the first twenty years are the longest half of your life

## Joke of the day

There are two kinds of secrets: One is not worth keeping and the other is too good to keep

## Loop

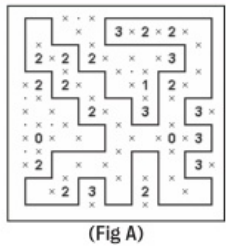
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

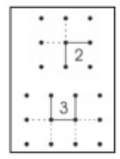
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

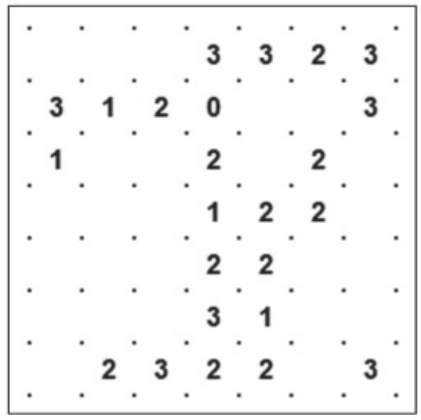
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



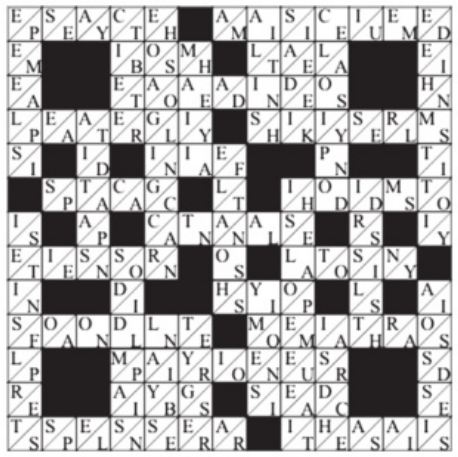
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



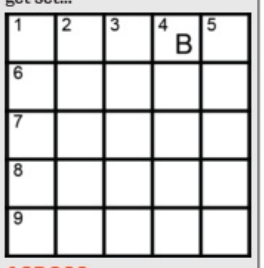
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...




**ACROSS**

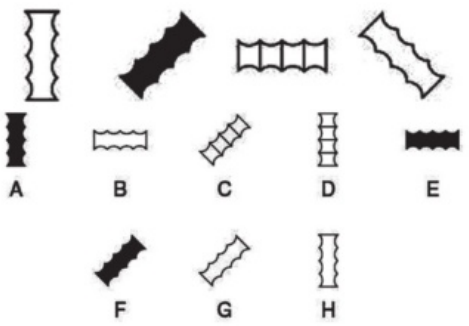
1 Be erg; 6 Lenin; 7 Oasis; 8 Hunts; 9 Is gee

**DOWN**

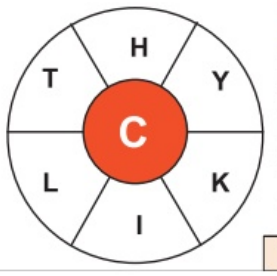
1 Slogs; 2 Irish; 3 Seen U; 4 Begin; 5 Eaten

## Mensapuzzle

What comes next?




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

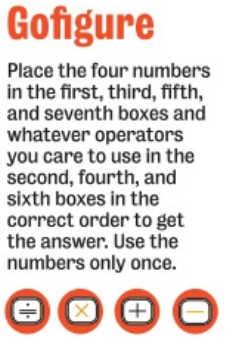
## SudokuChallenge

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 8 | | | 6 | 5 | 7 | | | 1 |
| | 9 | 7 | | | | 3 | 2 | |
| 3 | | | 5 | | 4 | | | 2 |
| | 4 | | | | | | 1 | |
| 2 | | | 7 | | 3 | | | 9 |
| | 6 | 8 | | | | 1 | 9 | |
| 4 | | | 8 | 6 | 9 | | | 7 |
| 5 | | | | | | | | 8 |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 19
6 7 9 9

Medium = 37
2 6 7 7

Hard = 36
2 4 5 2

## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

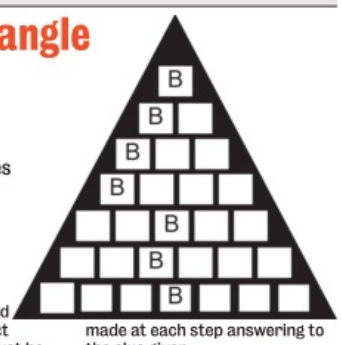
**Differences:** 1. Paper is larger. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Briefcase handle is different. 4. Fence is shorter. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Door opening is wider.

## Riddler

Miley's husband's father-in-law is Miley's husband's brother's brother-in-law. Miley's sister-in-law is Miley's brother's stepmother. How did this happen?

## Alpha triangle

1 Type of vitamin
2 To exist
3 Play odds
4 Outdo
5 Liabilities
6 First appearances
7 Most foolish




Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

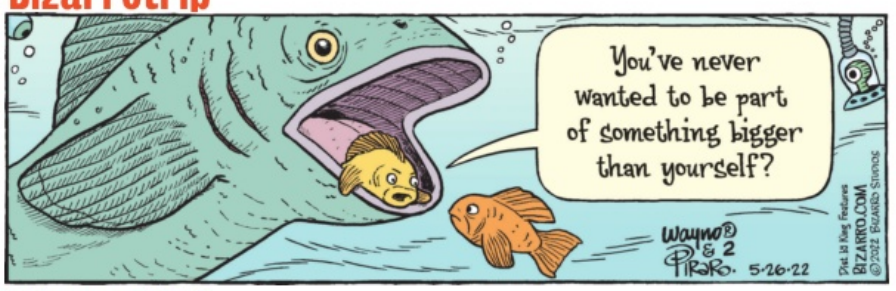
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Redeye by Mel Casson

LOOK AT THE POSTMARK ON THIS!... MAILED LAST DECEMBER AND I'M JUST NOW GETTING IT!
WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE... OPEN THE THING UP!
5-16
I CAN'T YET! IT SAYS "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS"!

## Bizarrotrip

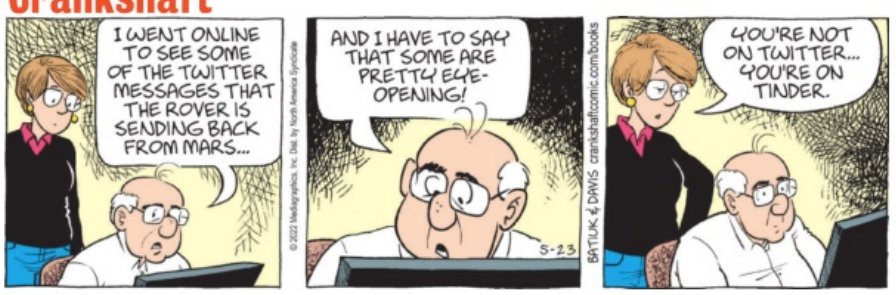



## Diamond Lil

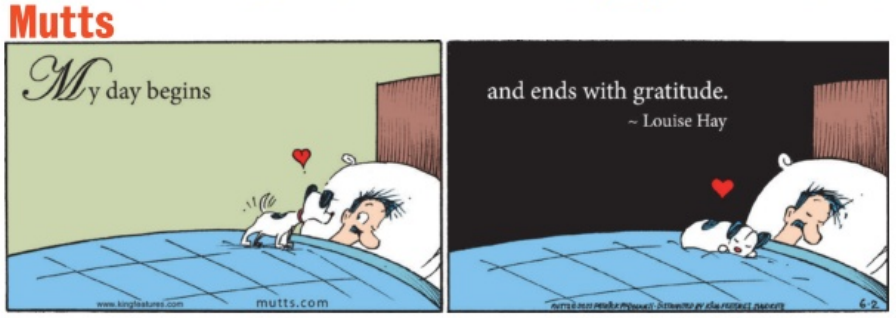
## Hart of the city

WHERE SHOULD WE CHECK FIRST?
THE SEATS?
I WONDER WHICH SEAT A GHOST WOULD CHOOSE.
ACOUSTIC CENTER! IT'S THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE.
NO GHOSTS. BUT I CAN HEAR YOU GREAT!

## Crankshaft


I WENT ONLINE TO SEE SOME OF THE TWITTER MESSAGES THAT THE ROVER IS SENDING BACK FROM MARS...
AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT SOME ARE PRETTY EYE-OPENING!
S-23
YOU'RE NOT ON TWITTER... YOU'RE ON TINDER.

## Mutts




# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
You may not have good focus on your work at the beginning of the day, but with the help of elders you may be able to overcome this situation. You may easily find resources important for the completion of a project. Your sources of income are likely to be increased and your losses may convert to profits, which may boost your financial health.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Expect a big order from an overseas client today. It will increase liquidity in your business. You are likely to meet some influential person who could help you grow your business. Bonding with your boss may become strong, and you can expect promotions if you have been working hard. Your prestige may be increased now.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by your elders, which may bring patience in your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit some spiritual place to seek peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to charity. There may be some chances for overseas travel.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel dull. You may also have some health issues, which are likely to affect your daily work. You find yourself under mysterious fears, which can make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also attracted to the occult. You are advised to visit some spiritual place.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Blessing from the moon can make you happy today. You may help needy people. You are likely to analyse yourself and accept mistakes in your personal life. Faith in your relationship with your spouse is likely to be improved, which may boost confidence. Disputes between partners may be resolved now.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you will feel healthy. Old health issues may be resolved now. You are likely to win some litigation. You have full control over your opponents and business rivals. Your money which was stuck is likely to be recovered now, which may boost your liquidity. You are likely to get new responsibilities at work, which will give you benefits in future.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
It is a mixed day for you. You may be busy with kid's issues. Couples may welcome their child. With the help of wisdom, you may be able to settle disputes in business and in your social life. Students may plan for overseas education. Those who are in jobs can make some plan for higher studies for a good career.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel disappointment at work as you are not able to enjoy your life at any moment. You may face some losses in property matters. It is advised to postpone investments for a while, otherwise you may face losses. You are also advised to take care of your parent's health.

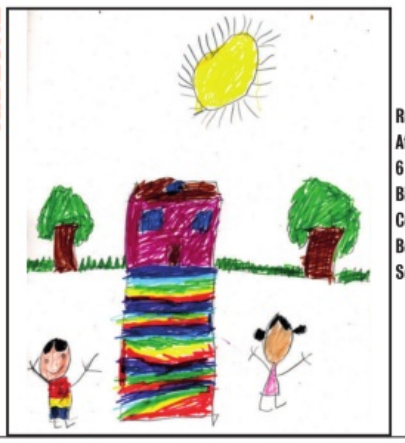
**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
With the moon on your side, you are likely to have inner strength. You may be able to make some difficult decisions at work and you may be busy with social get-togethers which will expand your network. Your network may benefit you in the near future. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be busy with family. You may also plan for children's academics. You are likely to spend money on artefacts and creative items to renovate your house. You may plan to go for short trips for kid's academics. Their education might make you upset. You are advised to avoid any type of addiction, otherwise it may create disturbances in the domestic life.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon. With the help of courage, you may be able to make good plans and are likely to implement them efficiently. You are advised to control your over-excitement as you could make mistakes. You are advised to read documents before putting your signature on them. Rivals and opponents are now under control.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Old health issues may arise again. Anxiety and restlessness can make you upset. You are likely to lose focus towards your goals. you may waste precious time doing worthless tasks. You are advised to control your expenditure on worthless items as it may affect your financial health.

## KIDZONE



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Kaushvi Chan, 8 Years, Greenwood High School

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## SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
Probability of first ball having white colour = 3/8
and that of second ball having green colour = 3/7
so probability = 2/8 * 3/7 = 6/56
and no of methods to make arrangement = 2*1 = 2 (WG and GW)
so net probability = 5/56
* 2 = 12/56 = 3/14

**BULL'S EYE**
ditty, hick, itch, itchy, Nick, thick, THICKLY, tick

**FAST FIVE**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
A: the figure is tumbling 45° at each stage and alternates white/black/striped;

**RIDDLER**
Miley's father married the sister of Miley's husband.

**QUOTE UNCODE**
A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you

**SUDOKU**

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**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
8, 8e, 8et, best, Debts, Debuts, Dumbest.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
7 + 9 − 6 + 9 = 19
Medium
7 − 2 × 6 + 7 = 37
Hard
4 × 5 − 2 × 2 = 36

**LOOP**

**KAKURO**

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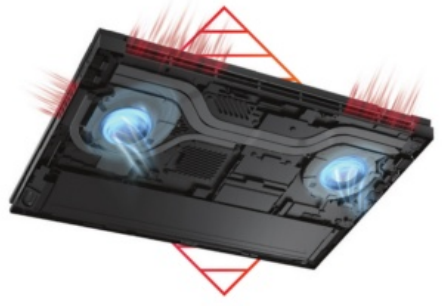

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